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1. PHILIPPINES

TWO NYC POLICEMEN, WHO MOVED IN TO BREAK UP WHAT THEY
DESCRIBED AS BRAWL IN FRONT OF PHIL CENTE, EARLY SUN,
TOUCHED OFF CHAIN REACTION THAT LED THURS TO STRONGLY
WORDED DIPLO PROTEST BY GOP/PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL APOLOGY
BY US. ACCORDING PHIL PROTEST, POLICEMEN BROKE INTO CENTER
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W/DRAWN GUNS/PISTOL- WHIPPED PHIL SECURITY OFFICER IN WHAT
PHILS CALLED "BRUTAL/UNPROVOKED ATTACK" THAT VIOLATED DIPLO
IMMUNITY OF CONSULATE/UN MISSION. POLICE SAID GUARD WAS
ONE OF 8 WHO GOT INTO FIGHT/ASSAULTED POLICE WHO TRIED
BREAK IT UP. THEY SAID OFFICERS DID NOT REALIZE/"COULD NOT
HAVE POSSIBLY KNOWN" THAT BLDG WAS CONSULATE (THOMAS, NYT).

IN MANILA, AMEMB SAID USG "DEEPLY REGRETS" INCIDENT. IN
STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM THAILAND, PHILS FONMIN SAID,
"WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PHILIPPINE CENTER IS SOMETHING THAT...

PHILIPPINES CANNOT OVERLOOK" (REUTER MANILA 6/15).

2. CHINA/VIETNAM

TWO CHINESE SHIPS SAILED THURS FOR VN TO PICK UP CHINESE RESIDENTS, NCNA REPORTED. SAID VESSELS HEADED FOR HAIPHONG/HCM CITY (REUTER PEKING 6/15). DIR OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS LIAO SAID HE HOPED VIETS WOULD PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SHIPS. HE CHARACTERIZED REFUGEE SITUATION AS GOING "FROM BAD TO WORSE" W/NUMBER CLIMB'G TO 133,000. WP'S MATHEWS (HK) REPORTS DIPLOS SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF FULL-SCALE MIL CONFLICT BETW 2 COUNTRIES, THO VIETS HAVE MADE "UNUSUAL DEFENSE PREPARATIONS" ON COASTLINE/NEAR CHINESE BORDER. NOTES VIET PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DROPPED MANY OF CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS THAT IN PAST HELD OUT HOPE FOR RENEWAL CLOSE SINO-VIET TIES. OBSERVES LAOS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN CONFLICT AS WELL. VIET BROADCAST REPORTED COMPLETION OF ONE OF SEVERAL HIGHWAYS THAT 18,000 CHINESE TROOPS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTING IN LAOS/IMPENDING DEPARTURE THOSE WORKING ON THAT ROAD--SIGN THAT SRV PRESSURING LAOS CLEAR OUT CHINESE.

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

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AUSTRALIA HAS TAKEN IN VIET HIJACKERS OF FREIGHTER SEIZED 2 MOS AGO ON VOYAGE FROM HAIPHONG TO HCM CITY/ TAKEN TO SINGAPORE. OFFICIALS SAID GOA DECIDED ALLOW 6 HIJACKERS ENTER COUNTRY AFTER IT BECAME CLEAR SINGAPORE WAS NOT PLANNING BRING CHARGES AGAINST THEM. SOURCES SAID SHIP WOULD BE ALLOWED SAIL BACK TO VN (REUTER SINGAPORE 6/15).

4. CHINA/JAPAN

RE MUTUAL AGREEMENT RESUME PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY NEGOTS, SUN'S MARTIN (TOKYO) STATES JAPANESE DECISION ASK FOR RESUMPTION TREATY TALKS MADE EARLY THIS YR, BUT PRC COMPLICATED PLANS BY SENDING ARMED FISHING BOATS TO DISPUTED SENKAKU ISLANDS. CITES JAPANESE FON MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WHO SAID THURS THAT GOJ EXPECTS NEW ROUND TREATY TALKS WILL NOT FOCUS ON SENKAKUS NOR RECENT JAPAN-SK AGREEMENT INVOLVING MINERAL RESOURCES EXPLOITATION IN S CHINA SEA.

5. JAPAN

US/JAPAN SIGNED AGREEMENT 6/15 CALLING FOR COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING THERMAL GENERATION TECHNOLOGY. AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR EXCHANGE INFO/PERSONNEL, PLUS JOINT EXPERIMENTS TO DEVELOP METHODS OF EVALUATING UNDERGROUND HEAT RESOURCES/DRILLING

TECHNOLOGY (REUTER TOKYO 6/15).

DOE'S SCHLESINGER ANNOUNCED 6/15 ADMIN APPROVAL FOR US REFINERS BEGIN EXPORTING SOME DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTS TO JAPAN/OTHER BUYERS IN ORDER REDUCE GLUT HEAVY CRUDE ON WEST COAST. DECISION APPLIES ONLY TO RESIDUAL FUEL OIL, AS WH STILL OPPOSES PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ALASKAN OIL BE SOLD TO JAPAN (REID, WP).
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LAT'S JAMESON (TOKYO 6/14) REPORTS JDF DIRECTOR KANEMARU DUE ARRIVE WASHINGTON SUNDAY ON MISSION REFLECTING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN JAPANESE MIL THINKING. STATES KANEMARU WILL ADVISE US JAPAN INTENDS SHOULDER GREATER COST MAINTAINING US SOLDIERS THERE/WILL CONSULT W/SECDEF ON WHAT JAPAN SEES AS SOVIET'S GROWING NAVAL THREAT IN PAC. CITES KANEMARU'S DIET TESTIMONY LAST MARCH, DURING WHICH HE EXPRESSED GROWING DOUBT RE US COMMITMENT DEFEND JAPAN, ADDING THAT US-JAPAN RELS MUST BE STRENGTHENED. SAID JAPAN, "WITHOUT WAITING TO BE ASKED" BY US, SHOULD ACT TO ALLEVIATE MORE OF THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING TROOPS IN JAPAN.

6. KOREA/JAPAN

WSJ'S THARP (TOKYO) DOES ITEM ON JAPANESE ATTEMPTS PERSUADE NK PAY ITS DEBTS--ESTIMATED AT 370 MIL DOLS. STATES JAPANESE EXPERIENCE W/NK REPEATED IN SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES AS PYONGYANG STRUGGLES REPAY FON DEBTS, ESTIMATED BY JAPANESE TO BE OVER 2 BIL DOLS. THARP NOTES REASON FOR DEFAULT UNKNOWN, BUT ANALYSTS SUGGEST NK HAS BEEN FORCED SLOW ECON GROWTH DUE REDUCED FON TRADE EARNINGS/FACT THAT ITS FON SOURCES OF FINANCING, TECHNOLOGY NOW RESTRICTED.

7. CHINA

IN ADVANCE REPORT SPAIN'S KING CARLOS' VISIT TO PEKING, REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING 6/15) NOTES NO GLITTERING ROYAL WELCOME EXPECTED. HOWEVER, VISIT SEEN AS REFLECTING GOOD RELS BETW PRC-SPAIN.
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STATES PRC ALSO BELIEVED TO SUPPORT SPAIN'S APPLICATION FOR EC MEMBERSHIP/WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE IT PART OF NATO.

FRASER (CSM PEKING) DOES ARTICLE ON PRC'S RECENT DECISION EXPAND TOURISM. NOTES SZECHWAN--CLOSED TO

ALL BUT FEW VISITORS SINCE 1949--WILL BE OPENED
SHORTLY TO GENRL TOURIST TRAFFIC. SAYS NEARLY 50
OTHER FORMERLY-CLOSED PLACES WILL ALSO OPEN SOON,
W/THESE AREAS LISTED UNDER 6 DISTINCT CATEGORIES:

HISTORIC SITES; INDUSTRIAL CENTERS; REVOLUTIONARY
SHRINES; COASTAL CITIES; PROVINCIAL CAPITALS;
"CHINESE VERSION" SUMMER RESORTS.

REUTER PEKING (6/15) NOTES VIOLIN CONCERTO IN
MEMORY MAO'S 1ST WIFE (EXECUTED AS COMMUNIST IN
1930 AFTER 10 YRS W/MAO) IS BEING PERFORMED AT
SHANGHAI MUSIC FESTIVAL. NCNA SAID CONCERTO COMPOSED
BY HO TSAN-HAO, WHO NCNA SAID WAS PERSECUTED BY
GANG OF 4.

8. AUSTRALIA

GANG TRYING SMUGGLE NEARLY 80-MIL-DOLS WORTH CANNABIS INTO
AUSTRALIA FROM THAILAND USED WRECKED SHIP ON ISOLATED
CORAL REEF AS UNDERWATER PICK-UP POINT WHICH DISCOVERED
BY AUSSIE NARC AGENTS. POLICE CHARGED 11 AFTER MAKING
2 SEIZURES WORTH TOTAL 78 MIL DOLS--LARGEST HAUL EVER
MADE IN ASIA (REUTER CANBERRA).

9. MALAYSIA

GOM SIGNED 10-YR, 100-MIL-DOL SYNDICATED LOAN TO FINANCE
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE UNDER 3RD 5-YR PLAN (WSJ KL).

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10. ASEAN

VIET INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH "ZONE OF PEACE" IN SEASIA
DISCUSSED AT ASEAN FONMINS MTG THURS. PROPOSAL, MADE IN
NYC TUES BY SRV DEP FONMIN VO DONG GIANG, IS, ACCORDING
THAI FONMIN, SIMILAR TO ASEAN PLAN FOR REGION/WILL BE
STUDIED BY NEXT MTG ASEAN STANDING CMTE (REUTER PATTAYA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. KOREA

IN WSTAR'S "POINT OF VIEW" COLUMN (6/15), TRADE ASSN PR MAN
STANDFORD ERICKSON PROFESSES THAT MORAL LEADERSHIP IS KEY
TO JUSTICE/TRUTH FOR KOREA. PRAISES SK'S CHRISTIANS WHO,
THO THREATENED W/PRISON/DEATH, CONTINUE CHALLENGE PRES
PARK'S DESPOTISM. STATES CHRISTIANS IN PYONGYANG TOO,
"WITH THE HELP OF GOD, WILL TH
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